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LB 931

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 931, but there is something I'd like to raise as an issue. I'd like Senator Remmers' to pay particular attention. Senator Remmers, I appreciate you trying to work out the difficulties of last year's bill. The approach that you offer is, in fact, a thoughtful and beneficial one. For that reason I supported the bill out of committee, and I will support its advancement to Select File. However, I would like to put you on notice and the other members of the Legislature that I am not pleased with every last little detail of this bill. Specifically the provision that I am concerned about is the funding. Take it out of the weatherization aid. That is no great sacrifice. Knowing where you come from for a long time, I understand that. It avoids an A bill, which I think is ever so brilliant. That, alone, I think ought to be pointed out as a great piece of craftsmanship. But the part that I don't like, the one little part that I don't like, is the provision that pulls it out of the foundation and equalization aid, which really in effect pulls it out of the equalization aid since foundation aid is first priority, incentives second, equalization is last. So I don't mind you nicking some of those folks. But it is the last nick that bothers me the most. For that reason I will probably be offering an amendment on Select File to this meritorious bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: There are no other lights. Let's see, we have an amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I have offered an amendment here that would hopefully endorse or help teachers who are seeking endorsement in teaching gifted education students, in our schools, with a little extra funding. I'm trying to piggyback on LB 931. I had a bill in this session, LB 938, which attempted to do this. Unfortunately